## RELIEF CORPS

### Address of National President Hitt at Buffalo.

Recommends That G.A.R. Men be Admitted to Associate Membership, but With No Power of Debate or Vote-Department of Potomac Difficulties-Andersonville Prison Property-Good Financial Condition.

National President Agnes Hitt in her address before 15th National Convention, W.R.C., comments upon the golden moments spent by the Order the past year in carrying out the objects of their great work; refers to the satisfactory condition of the National Relief Corps Home, under the superintendence of Clara H. Burleigh, recommends that no further editions of the Red-Book be made for three years, except through the publication of slips, that may begammed to the pages of the volumes in use; and recommends the appointment of a National Organizer in view of the fact that the Relief Corps in the past two years has not increased in membership as rapidly as it should, largely owing to the financial depression throughout the country. Considerable space is given to the Order. National President Hitt said in

part: Once more the great clock of time has ticked into eternity one more short year, and we gather to account for the golden moments spent in words and deeds for the grand organization to which we belong.

With some trepidation but with brave hearts and a full appreciation of the honor received from the 14th National Convention, we established Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., where we have done our part in adding to the pages of history being made by the Woman's Relief Corps.

For a number of years resolutions have come to the National Convention asking that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic be admitted to membership in our Order. Considering that we owe our existence to the Grand Army of the Republic and that the Sons of Veterans and all other allied societies admit them to honorary membership, it seems only right that we should extend to them the welcoming hand. In order that we may enter into this new line of thought in a dignified, considerate manner, I offer recommendation-That the following additions be made to the

Rules and Regulations: Corps may admit to associate membership any member of the Grand Army of the Republic. An associate member shall be admitted when proposed by a member of a Corps who shall vouch for his eligibility, and elected by a majority rising vote of members present and voting. After taking the obligation of associate members they shall receive the passwords. Associate members may be present at any business setgion, but shall not be entitled to a vote at any time and shall not be allowed to enter upon any discussion unless invited to do so by a vote of the Corps. Associate members may be elected and obligated at Department or National Conventions.

THE BITUAL. The third object of the Woman's Relief Corps is "to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live." In carrying out this great principle of our Order we have placed flags on our school-houses, patriotie primers, salutes, and charts in our schools; but in our zeal in accomplishing ail this we have forgotten that in our ritualistic work we have nothing to indicate our own allegiance to our country's flag. After consulting a number of the members of the Order it has been decided to place before you some changes in and additions to the ritual, which have been carefully prepared, and which I most earnestly recommend to your consideration and for adoption.

DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC. A petition was received at Headquarters a sideration the very arduous duty of the Nafew months since from about one-sixth of the | tional Treasurer, I make recommendation that members of the Department of the Potomac, asking that Department be remanded to De- Treasurer for clerk hire, and the same amount tached Corps, giving the reasons therefor. This petition was signed by many of the representative women of the Department, a number of whom were Past Department officers. This was followed by a counter petition with a larger number of signatures attached. Communications were poured in with charges for and counter-charges against, until the matter seemed so serious that with the advice of the National Counselor a committee, composed of Mrs. L. A. Turner and Emma R. Wallace, was appointed to accompany me to Washington, D. C., to investigate, and, if possible, bring order and peace

On Tuesday, June 8, Mrs. Wallace met me in Washington and accompanied me to the Department Headquarters, where we gave the Department officers a careful and patient hearing. Nothing was developed except to confirm opinions already formed from the voluminous documents received at National Headquarters. The Department Counselor suggested that a mass meeting of the Corps be held, which was done Thursday evening, June 10. This meeting developed a condition of affairs that calls for measures that will settle once for all the ever-recurring difficulties of the Department of the Potomac. Wherefore, for the advancement of the Order in the City of Washington, and for the best interest and progress of the Department of the Potomac itself, I offer

That at the end of the present Department exceptions the Departments visited were administration the Department of the Potomac be remanded to Detached Corps. A BIETHDAY TESTIMONIAL.

In the month of May a circular was sent to the National Headquarters for approval, signed by three members of the Department of Pennsylvania, two members of the Woman's Relief Corps Home Board, and the Chairman of the National Executive Board, containing an appeal to the members of our Order for contribu- among friends and enemies as well, he has been tions to a birthday testimonial to our Past National President, Mrs. Wittenmyer.

Mrs. Wittenmyer's services during the civil war in hospitals and camps for the alleviation of our suffering soldiers, -thousands of soldiers being provided with good food through her success in establishing special diet kitchens,-her work for Army Norses in procuring pensions, and her untiring efforts in the interests of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home, all call for our highest recommendation, and no testimonial could be more worthily be- tion and thanks for her loyalty and faithfulstowed. Corps doubtlessly have responded as well as they could, considering the stringency of the times and the many demands upon their

treasuries. But the piteous appeals that have come to us since from two widows of soldiers, one asking for \$600 and the other for \$200 to pay the mortgages on their homes, and our inability to respond, leads us to make recommendation-That hereafter no such appeal, however meritorious, shall be sent out unless it emanate

from National Headquarters. IN MEMORIAM.

During the year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of our Past National President, Sarah C. Mink, and the National Senior Vice-President, Marie Hasenwinkle. During the last National Convention many hearts were saddened by the information of Mrs. Mink's serious iliness. In December "God's finger touched her and she siept," In the stillness of the night a few short weeks ago, Marie Hasen-Winkle passed from the natural sleep to the sleep of death, painlessly, quietly leaving earth for heaven. The fullest sympathy of every member of the Woman's Relief Corps goes out to Comrade Mink in his grief and loneliness, and to Comrade Hasenwinkle and his children in their bereavement and sorrow.

ANDERSONVILLE. The 14th National Convention accepted from | ticipate in the honors and pleasures of the week. the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic, the Andersonville Prison property. By accepting this gift we pledged ourselves to "accept it as a sacred trust, and improve and keep it in order." To many the terms seemed indeed difficult, and the heart sickened at the | Senior Vice-President Marie Hasenwinkle, no task, but generous hearts have responded liber- report comes from that office. ally to the call, and made possible the first steps toward the accomplishment of our purposes. Some months ago the deed to this property was | bers in good standing June 30, 1897, 111,633; placed in my hands. The committee into whose | number of Corps. 3,023. Loss for the year endhands was placed the management of this "sa- ing Jure 30, 1897, 36 Corps and 2,520 members. ered trust" will tell you what has been accom- If the 200 suspended Corps reported by Depart-

most important subject.

PATRIOTIC TEACHING.

When the 11th National Convention, held in the city of Indianapolis, adopted the resolution on the subject of patriotic teaching no one realized the scope of the work nor the great good that was to be accomplished. From the introduction of the flag salute into our public schools has grown a desire for information regarding the origin and history of the flag, and thus one step has led us to another until the Woman's Relief Corps has joined hands with the Grand Army of the Republic in their efforts to place in the hands of the children of this country histories that will tell the true story of the heroes | Alaska, 2; Wisconsin, 2, of the Union army who fought to sustain the honor of the Nation.

Our methods have gone abroad and are being studied by other countries, and due credit is being given to our noble organization, whose corner-stone is loyalty and devotion to our country and flag. Your attention is called to the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Patriotic Teaching, whose recommendations will call for your most careful consideration.

It is with great satisfaction that we are sole | is outstanding debts. to say that the National Treasurer reports fore the year ended June 30, 1897, all obligation, due the National organization from the Departments and detached Corps have been met several of which have been carried from year to year. It is the first time in the history of the Order when it could be said that there is nothing outstanding for supplies. This is Corps, as well as to the National Treasurer, who has guarded well the doors of our treasury. recommendations bearing upon the routines of This most faithful officer has, by her devotion tenmyer Birthday fund, \$646.92; Memorial well as husband, also served in the Union bunting, dazzling electric displays, and blue gold medals were won by members of Co. A, to her duties, been able to bring to you this Day in the South, \$773.97.

and Mississippi, Montana, and West Virginia. California and Nevada reports three sus-

pended Corps, Colorada and Wvoming, 4; Idaho, 4: Illinois, 6: Indiana, 9: Iowa, 15; 21; Nebraska, 8; New Jersey, 1; New York, 8; gon, 4; Pennsylvania, 15; South Dakota, 17; The total gains from June 30, 1896, to June

30, 1897, by charter, initiation, transfer and reinstatement, were 33,797, and the total losses by death, honorable discharge, transfer, suspension, dishonorable discharge and delinquent reports were 36,317. A tabulated report presented by National Treasurer Isabelle T. Bagley contains an ab-

which are \$18,578.71, of which not one dollar From this report we have the following summary of cash on hand : National Relief Corps Home fund, \$1,524.19; National Council of Women, \$101.41; Headquarters relief, \$117.14; Anderson ville Prison Property, \$3,525.97; Annie Wittenmyer Birthday fund, \$465.85; Relief Corps Home Land (und, \$186.85. The expenditures were: National Relief Corps creditable alike to Departments and detached | Home, \$10,257.01; Council of Women fund, \$260.69; Headquarters relief, \$82.85; Andersonville Prison Property, \$80.08; Annie Wit-

Departments reporting no suspended Corps | Army of the Republic. The Committee charged are worthy of special mention. These are Con- | with securing funds for the National Council necticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Poto- of Women of the United States reports through mac, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana | the officers, Kate Brownlee Sherwood, Chairman, and Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Secretary, showing that a volunteer fund to the amount of \$348.68 had been forwarded the committee through Relief Corps Treasurers, this sum to Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 10; Maine, 2; Mary- be used by the National President and deleland, 1; Michigan, 26; Minnesota, 4; Missouri, | gate while in attendance upon the meetings of the Council, the next of which will be held North Dakota, 4; Ohio, 16; Oklahoma, 9; Orc. October, 1897, in the Woman's Department of the Centennial Exposition at Nashville.

### THREE LOYAL WOMEN.

One is the National President and the Other Two Candidates for the Office

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE this week presents the portraits of three ladies who are prominent in W.R.C. work. Mrs. Agnes Hitt, the W.R.C. stract of expenditures and closing with refer-National President, who has presided so gracefully and with such marked ability over the ence to the splendid financial basis of the Order during the past year, was born at Green-Woman's Relief Corps as verified by the assets, castle, Ind., Sept. 27, 1845, and came of Virginia and Knickerbocker stock. Her educational advantages were unusually good. She was married to Maj. Wilbur F. Hitt at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7, 1867. The National President has been very active in W.R.C. affairs, having served as Secretary and President of her Corps, Department Secretary and Department President of Indiana, National Aid, Assistant National Inspector and National Inspector. Her father, who was a personal friend of Gov. Morton, lost his arm at the battle of Richmond, Ky., and her only brother, brother-in-law, as

# GRAND ARMY. SONS OF VETERANS.

# the Country Are Doing.

The Great Gathering at Buffalo-Queen City in Gala Attire-Scores of Events Which Will Furnish Entertainment for the Boys in Blue-Notes of the Order.

and friends, are assembled in Buffalo for a great National Encampment. Buffalo's citizens have stinted in nothing, it would seem, to make the stay of the boys in blue one round of pleasure. Buffalo's citizens months ago declared it their desire to outdo all other cities in the warmth and lavishness of their reception to the country's saviours. Hospitality is a word the meaning of which is understood nowhere else better than it is in the Queen City. The visitors are every turn. An able corps of committees have of their efforts heard on all sides, the sight of Buffalo's streets teeming with a great and loyal

What Its Members Throughout Loyal Young Men and Their Great Order.

> Rhode Island's Field Day-Doings Among the Pennsylvania Brothers-Notes of the

The annual Field Day of the Rhode Island Division, at Rocky Point, was largely attended | Capt. H. L. Bonine, commanding, was mus-The veterans of the G.A.R., their relatives by Sons of Veterans and their friends, and is considered to have been the best of any yet | Mallory. Fifteen names were on the applicaheld. The Massachusetts Division was represented by Col. Orange M. Cook, Lieut.-Col. L. C. Crouch, Past Cols. Fred E. Bolton, Harry D. Sisson, Charles K. Darling, and George W. Knowlton, Delegate A. A. Tilden and many other well-known Bay State brethren. Department Commander Livingston Scott and Assistant Inspector George M. Turner, Department President Mrs. Bessie M. Seymour and Secretary Mrs. E. F. Bort, with many other seeing a great city, meeting with welcome at prominent members of the G.A.R. and W.R.C., were present, Lieut.-Col, Walter R. Williams labored unceasingly, and now they are reaping and the Committee on Arrangements met Gov. their reward in the gratifying commendations | Dyer and his staff at the train. A large photograph of the Division officers was taken. Ins.-Gen. A. B. Spink was presented with a regulathrong, and the enjoyment manifested on each | tion sword and belt, as a token of the esteem face. The city is in gala attire. Triumphal of the Division. In the championship indiarches, clouds upon clouds of waving tri-colored | vidual drill, new manual of arms, the three uniforms everywhere tell one that it is a great (Charles F. Gordon Camp, 10, Woonsocket).

sota Division. Gen. G. M. Dodge, Camp 20, tered at Dawson, by Division Surgeon J. N.

tion for charter.

ship 48 Camps and 1,428 brethren.

### RENEWING OLD TIES

received honorable discharges, seven were

transferred, and four Camps and 90 members

were suspended, leaving the present member-

Col. A. M. Soule has made the following ap-

pointments on the Maine staff: Surg., Chas. E.

Dow. Waterville; Chap., Chas. F. Paine, Bar Harbor; Judge-Advocate, Edward K. Gould, Rockland; Ins., Alfred R. Hall, Oakland; Am's

Insps., J. W. Dutton, New Sharon, and B. L.

Nicholas, Augusta; Mustering Officer, Orrin J.

Dickey, Belfast; S. M., Chas. S. Berry, Portland; Q. M., Frank F. Prince, Portland.

Past Col. I. C. Patterson, of Princeton, bed

been appointed Quartermaster of the Minne-

Reunion of Veterans Who Stood Shoulder to Shoulder in the Dark Days. Cos. I and B and Regimental Band, 1st Cons. H. A., at Torrington, Conn., Sept. 15. John C.

Taylor, Secretary, Room 45, State House, Hartford, Conn. 19th Ind., at Dunkirk, Ind., Sept. 14. W W. Payton, President, Dunkirk, Ind. 7th Ind, Cav., at Middleton, Ind., Oct. 6 and Ed. L. Anderson, President, Union City.

82d Ind., at Seymour, Ind., Sept. 14 and 16. Alf. Hunter, Secretary, Versailles, Ind. 24th Ind., at Bedford, Ind., Sept. 16 and 17. William Erwin, Secretary, Bedford, Ind.

22d Iowa, at Iowa City, Sept. 8 and 9. J. C. Switzer, Secretary, Iowa City, Iowa. At the Reunion of the 16th Me. Association, at Rumford Falls, Lieut. Frank Wiggin was elected President. The attendance was good.
At the meeting of the 8th Me., at Peaks Island, Aug. 11, the following officers were chosen : Pres., Heratio B. Sawyer; V.-P.'s, L. C. Gibbs, Aifred Cushman, Charles H. Burke; Sec. and Treas., Albert O. Bills; Chap., H. A. Phil-

brook. 48th Mass., in Armory Hall, Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 6. George B. Blodgette, President, Newburyport, Mass. The veterans of the 30th Mass, held their Reunion at Lowell this year. Four deaths were

reported. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., E. A. Babb; V.-P., J. L. Bruce; Sea. Lewis Toohey; Treas., R. S. Ripley. The 11th annual Reunion of the 4th Mass three and nine-months veterans-was held at Nantasket, Mass., with an attendance of 104. The following officers were elected: Pres, Capt. Ira Drake; V.-P.'s, Capt. Lewis Soule, Capt. James T. Stevens; Sec. and Tress., J. Elmer Talbot, Stoughton. Secretary Talbot

reported 19 deaths during the year. Merrill Horse, at the home of the Secretary six miles southeast of Bethany, Mo., Sept. 10 and 11. Extensive preparations are being made for entertainment. R. F. Noah, Seere sary, Bethany, Mo.

Wilcox's Ninth Corps, at State Capitol, Lausing, Mich., Sept. 21 and 22. This Division was composed of the 1st Mich., 2d Mich., 8th Mich. 17th Mich., 20th Mich., 27th Mich., 36th Mass. 46th N. Y., 79th N. Y., 24th N. Y. Dismounted Cav., 13th Onio Dismounted Cav, 60th Ohie, 14th N. Y. H. A., 19th N. Y. H. A., 45th Pa., 50th Pa., 100th Pa., Benjamin's Battery, Buckslew's Battery, 19th N. Y. battery, and other organizations, J. H. Stephens, Socretary, Lansing, Mich. 2d Mich., in Senate Chamber, Lansing, Mich.,

Sept. 21. Albert Dunham, Secretary, Laneing, 142d N. Y., at Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. L. Frank Johnson, Secretary, Macomb, N. Y. 157th N. Y., at Marathon, N. Y., Sept. 21,

George L. Warren, Secretary, Cortland, N.Y. 77th N. Y., in Canby Post rooms, 13 North Main street, Gloversville, Sept. 14. Edward H. Fuller, Secretary, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The 35th Reunion of the 117th N. Y. was held in Rome. Camp was established in a grove on the grounds of the County House, and rations were cooked in the old army style. The first day was spent in visiting and talking over old times. The second day was taken up with the business sessions of the companies and the regiment. The officers elected were: Pres. H. H. Miller; Sec., J. J. Guernsey; Trees, Alex. Hutchinson; Surg., Samuel Millington; Ass't Surg., Henry N. Monchise; Chap., J. B.

The anniversary of the battle of New Creek. W. Va., was commemorated by a Reunion of the survivors of the 154th Onio at Xenia, Aug. 4. William McClellan was elected President, and one Vice-President was chosen from each company. John R. Spencer, Xenia, is Secre-

Battery C, 1st Ohio L. A., at Fair Grounds, Scott. The Division will be represented at Painesville, O., Sept. 9 and 10. R. King, See-The 100th Ohio held its annual Reunion at

Toledo, Aug. 6. Addresses were made by Capt. W. S. Thurstin, Capt. Thomas Mower, D. R. Culbertson, Camp 6, Allentown; J. Q. Davis, Austin, A. R. Hill, and George W. Voorman. Past Captain, Nevins Camp, 33, Allegheny; R. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Irving and Rolls Yost re-E. Degroff, Captain, Camp 30, Athens; George | cited. The comrades joined in the singles of Ass't Adj't-Gen. C. O. Farnsworth, of the L. Martin, Camp 2. Philadelphia; R. F. old army songs, under the lead of Comrade W. Department of Utah, writes that comrades in | Schwartz, Camp 72, Shamokin; G. M. Bost- | A. Ogden. The following officers were elected: that State have been unable to successfully wick, Past Captain. Camp 168, Montrose; H. Pres., J. W. Laquette; First V.-P., A. R. Hill; cope with and discountenance the practice of Londerback, Past Captain, Reynolds Camp, 4, Second V.-P., Thos. Mower; Treas., A. W. making Memorial Day a holiday for secular Philadelphia; William E. Sturges, Past Cap- King; Sec., H. R. Charles, Perrysburg, O.; 1st Ohio H. A., at Jackson, O., Sept. 16. Business meeting in Courthouse, at 10 a. m.

H. C. Miller, Secretary, Jackson, O. The ninth annual Reunion of the Veteran Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Walworth such a ritual cannot be secured to ask that the | County, held at Elkhorn, Wis., Aug. 12, was atobject of the originator of Memorial Day will present three degree ritual be revised and tended by over 200 old soldiers, some of whom met for the first time since the war. Many of Col. A. G. Mason Camp, 194, Pittston, has the veterans were accompanied by their famibeen mustered by Inspector Forrest W. Briggs, lies. At the business meeting the following assisted by Camps 8, 169, 250, 88, 294 and 25, officers were elected: Pres., George W. Wylie; with 25 recruits; Capt. J. J. Martin, command- V.-P., C. C. Gibbs; Sec., T. W. Morefield; Treas., O. Carswell; Surg., B. O. Reynolds; Gen. Joe Hooker Camp. 301, Ashland, has Chap., Rev. J. Hall. At the afternoon meetbeen mustered by Mustering Officer John ing, Comrade Morefield delivered the address Wightman, assisted by Camps 72, 49, 34, 54 and of welcome. D. Lloyd Jones, Past Commander 204, with 37 recruits; Capt. Wm. R. Landefeld, of the Department of Wisconsin; Hon. Eugene S. Elliott, S. H. Talmadge, and Maj. A. J. Cheney were among the speakers.

Manisby's Battery, at Fairmont Park, Fair-Nevins Camp. 33, with 25 recruits; Capt. Frank | mont, W. Va., Sept. 14. Thomas A. Maulsby, Commander, Fairmont, W. Va.

### THE NAVAL VETERANS.

Buffalo.

The shipmates of Naval Post, 400, Department of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in issuing a circular letter advocating the election of Past Pa., voices the opinions of her associates when tertainment of the thousands of delegates and Rear-Admiral Francis B. Allen, of Hartford, she says that the hospitality extended them by visitors who will come to the city. A great Conn., as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, tent of their services in the war of the rebellion entitle them to this recognition, and that the selection of a comrade from that branch of the service would have a tendency to bring into the ranks of the G.A.R. many thousand shipmates. It is remarked that a number of G.A.R. Posts are composed entirely of naval veterans, and about 20,000 are members of the

Shipmate Allen was born in Baltimore, Md. June 1, 1841. His great-grandfather, Edward

The Port Royal joined the fleet in Hampton

Army. He is an active member of Robert O.

Associations of Philadelphia placed in the field for Rear-Admiral of the National Association made by muster; six members by transfer, and He has an honorable war record. He has taken





MRS. FLORA JAMISON MILLER.

splendid result, making it for the first time

possible to say the Woman's Relief Corps is

neither debtor nor creditor. Taking into con-

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mander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the

dent will find that there is still work to do.

tional President. The incoming National Presi-

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

loyal support we have received from the Com-

mander-in-Chief, Thaddens S. Clarkson. He

has unhesitatingly indorsed our work, and,

our fearless champion. The Woman's Relief

Corps has nothing to fear when such a man

stands at the head of the Grand Army of the

Republic! To Charles E. Burmester, Adjutant-

General, and to J. C. Winans, Chief of Staff,

thanks are due for the many courtesies received

All members of the Official Staff have been

faithful and true. The National Secretary has

To her I wish to express my earnest apprecia-

It has in many ways been a year upon which

memory will love to dwell. I shall not soon

forget the kindly messages that have come to

me, and the assurances of friendship and love

that you have spoken. Was it not the prayers

that you have breathed, that health and

strength be given me, that has enabled me to

carry forward the work that was placed in my

hands? It has been my sad duty to record the

first break in the ranks of our Past National

Presidents, and to bear to you the message of

the death of your National Senior Vice Presi-

dent. Thus, we have had the shadows with

the sunshine. I now give back into your hands

the trust that was placed in mine one year ago.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Gathering of Loyal Women at Buffalo-Re-

ports of the Minor Officers.

Formerly the official meetings of the Grand

Army and the Relief Corps began the day be-

fore the Grand Army parade, but now things

are reversed and the parades and the receptions

and the pleasure-seeking generally precede the

Relief Corps were on the grounds early, to par-

On Thursday morning Convention opens at

From the reports of the officers and commit-

tees of National Convention abstracts have

been made. Owing to the death of National

The report of National Secretary Ida S. Mc-

Bride sets forth the following statistics: Mem-

thousand to the aggregate membership.

the First Baptist Church, adjoining Husic Hall.

For this reason the Delegates of the Woman's

The results I leave with you.

official meetings.

plished and the plans for the future. May wis- ments could be added to this it would make a

dom guide you in your deliberations on this grand total of 3,223 Corps and add several

Words fail to express the appreciation of the

be allowed annually.

No Departments were formed during the year and but one detached Corps, The amounts in the general funds of Departments and detached Corps as reported up to June 30, 1897, are \$104,401.99; amounts in relief funds,

the sum of \$59 be now allowed the National Reports of relief expenditures by Departments, to which may be added those by the de tached Corps of Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, North Carolina, My first official visit was made to Buffalo, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utab, N. Y., where I went to arrange for the 15th and Virginia, amounting to \$2,112.98, shows National Convention. There I had the pleasgrand total of \$139,440.62, subdivided as folure of meeting with Gen. Clarkson, the Com-

|   |   | California and Nevada  | \$5,686 |
|---|---|--|---------|
|   | Republic, and several members of his staff.     | Colorado and Wyoming   | 6,156   |
|   | The Commander-in-Chief very kindly ex-          | Connecticut,   | 3.057   |
| ١ | tended an invitation to me and the members      | Idaho  | 183     |
| 1 |   | Illinois   | 12.138  |
|   | of my staff who were in Buffalo to go with his  | Indiana  | 7.887   |
|   | party to extend congratulations and pay our     | lowa.  | 7.662   |
| ı | respects to Maj. McKinley, President-elect of   | Kansas   | 5.012   |
| I | the United States. The invitation was ac-       |  | 505     |
| ļ |   | Kentucky   | 1,131   |
| ì | cepted, and the party went to Canton, O.,       | Louisiana and Mississippi  | 1 37    |
| 1 | where we were received most graciously by       | Maine  |         |
| ] | Maj. McKinley, who promised to visit the Na-    | Maryland   | 678     |
| ì | tional Convention at Buffalo. En route to       | Massachusetts  | 16 405  |
| ı |   | Michigan   | 7,070   |
| l | Canton we were most graciously received and     | Minnesota  | 4,542   |
| ١ | entertained in the city of Cleveland, O., by    | Missouri   | 3,154   |
| 1 | Army and Navy Post of that city.                | Montana  | 369     |
|   | Turough courtesies received from the rail-      | Nebraska   | 2,982   |
|   | [H  | New Hampshire  | 2,522   |
| ł | road officials I was successful in visiting, in | New Jersey   | 1,422   |
| 1 | all, 11 Departments: Rhode Island, Massachu-    | New York   | 9.312   |
| 1 | setts, Potomac, Maryland, Michigan, Texas,      | North Dakota   | 265     |
| 1 | West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana,    | Ohio   | 14,376  |
| 1 |   | Oklahoma   | 314     |
| 1 | and Obio. A very great effort was made to       | Oregon   | 1,321   |
| ł | visit other Departments, but the time fixed for | Pennsylvania   | 5,259   |
| l | Conventions was so arranged that it was im-     | Potomae  | 860     |
| J | possible to do so without exceeding the amount  | Rhode Island   | 1,156   |
| l |   | South Dakota   | 1,143   |
| ı | set apart for that purpose. With two or three   | Tennessee  | 186     |
| ı | exceptions the Departments visited were         | Texas  | 486     |
| ١ | smaller ones, and those that needed the en-     | Vermont  | 2,738   |
| ı | conragement given by the presence of the Na-    | Washington and Alaska  | 1,790   |
| 1 | Course fraction of the bicacute or the Tra-     | 1 The state of the |         |

Totals of Departments-Expended in relief, Totals of detached Corps-Expended in relief, \$1,459.56; turned over to Posts, \$314.40; esti-

National Junior Vice-President Amelia S. Colgan, Hampton, Va., reports that her work has been chiefly with the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, where, with its 4,000 inmates, many of whose wives and children have clustered in Hampton, there is always plenty to do. She has visited the hospital, attended been unswerving in her devotion to her duties. the funerals of veterans as they have been Washington, and conducted a considerable correspondence with the Pension Office on their behalf and that of deserving soldiers. She has assisted the Home Posts with their Campfires and installations. She has done important work among the detached Corps of Virginia, of seven and reorganized three, and this year installed the officers of five Corps.

Secretary Pluma L. Cowles reports the number of deaths in the National Relief Corps Home between March 18, 1896, and May 29, 1897, as nine, the ages of the inmates varying average for the year, 60.

The Superintendent reports the Home property in good condition, and the farm yielding other battlefields of that famous campaign, an abundance of fruits and vegetables of excellent quality. Health of the inmates as good as in the average home for the aged. Chairman Annie Wittenmyer reports the increase in precedented; besides 20 persons having been admitted to the Home there are 18 applications pending and 22 deferred. The necessity recent issue. The Excampment and Convenof early enlarging the Home by adding a suite | tion were attended by many social pleasures of sleeping rooms is pointed out. There are 608 Army Nurses now in the enjoyment of pensions under the Army Nurse law, receiving an aggregate sum of \$87,552. Forty-nine claims were allowed the past year. Mrs. Wittenmyer efforts in securing the passage of a bill that has been recommended to Congress by the Pension extending the provisions of the present Army

Past National President Emma B. Wallace, delegate to the National Council of Women, reports the Boston meeting of the Council, accompanied by a leastet, published by the approval of the National President, for distribu- President Marie Hasenwinkle, showing that, tion, setting forth the aims and objects of the | though remote from the center of Corps activi-Woman's Relief Corps and its magnificent | ties, this Corps is fully alive to all the interrecord as an official auxiliary of the Grand ests of the Order.

One of the candidates for National President of the Woman's Relief Corps is Mrs. Flora Jamison Miller, Past Department President of Illinois, W.R.C., known as the silver-tongued orator of Woman's Conventions and Grand Army Campfires. She is gifted both as a speaker and writer, and while serving as De-

partment President was instrumental in secur-

ing the passage of a law founding the Woman's

Relief Corps Home of that State, of which she

has since been trustee. Mrs. Miller is serving

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as Chairman of the National Committee on Patriotic Teaching. She is the daughter of Col. W. H. Jamison, who succeeded Gen. Grant as commander of the 21st III. Her home is California and Nevada....... \$5,686-38 Monticello, Ill. Past Department President Sarah J. Martin. Brookfield. Mo., is Missouri's choice for the office of National President, and will have a strong following from several Departments. Mrs. Martin has been particularly active in the work of the Order in her own State, being one of the early organizers and one whose interest in the work of the W.R.C., State and National, never flags. She is a woman of marked

executive ability and good address. She is the wife of Past Department Commander Martin, of Missouri. ALL ALONG THE LINE. Dennison, Iowa, has given two Presidents to the Department, Mary Sears Mc-Henry, the first, having served as National President and filled other offices of importance, Department and National; and now comes President Georgia McClellan, whose election to office the citizens, uniting with the

Grand Army and Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, have celebrated with enthusiasm. President Lettie F. Withers, of Wisconsin, requests in General Orders that each Corps in 1.790 66 the Department will send one bound book to .. 373 26 | the Soldiers' Home at Waupaca, If friends everywhere could only know how the veterans pine for reading matter they would be sure to \$55,795.38; turned over to Posts, \$29,824.69; keep well-filled libraries in every Home. The estimated relief other than money, \$51,707.57. | Department has a standing committee known as a Committee on Personal, War, Civil and Family History of Union Soldiers, of which mated relief other than money, \$339.02. Total | Belle W. Chapin is Chairman. Such a commitamount of relief, cash and supplies since organi- | tee in each Department could do much towards zation, July, 1883, to June 30, 1897, \$1,537,833 .- collecting and preserving very important history connected with the civil war which is

fast disappearing with the passing of the vet-A. H. Frost Corps, Winthrop, Me., is increasdelegation of patriotic women from Hallowell. Corps 70, Oldtown, though the baby Corps in the Order of institution, has become one of the strongest and most active in the Department. mustered out, sometimes two at a time, helped | Others which are fast making a record for good | the widows place their claims for pensions at | work are the Corps of Oromo and Oakland, the latter having the largest relief fund of any Corps in the Department. Good reports continue to come from Oregon

Corps, from Portland to Little Yoncalia. A. W. Ellett Corps, at the latter place, which is near the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, is parwhich in the past few years she has organized | ticularly active in the patriotic work of the Department Correspondent Josephine A. Cheeseman, Greeley, Colo., writing of the dedi-

cation of the three guns presented by the War Department to the Commissioners of Greeley City Park, says: "The largest is a 13-inch seafrom 61 to 86 years. Superintendent Clare H. | coast mortar; the second, an 11-inch Colum-Burleigh reports the number of inmates in the biad, first carried by the Canandaigua in 1861 National Home, June 30, 1897, as 65; monthly and afterwards transferred to the Tennessee in 1865; and the smallest, a Parrott rifled cannon, used at Fort Wagner, Mobile, Corinto, and A notable historic feature of Department Encampment, G.A.R., and Department Convention, W.R.C., of Vermont, held at Bennington, was the presentation of three granite monuthe number of applications to the Home as un- | ments, marking historical locations, to the Battle Monument and Historical Association of that place. Mention of these was made in a

and exchanges of patriotic greetings. Florence H. Gates, Morrisville, was the unanimous choice for Department President, her immediate assistants being Clara M. Niles, Secretary, and Ida L. Town, Treasurer. The urges the Woman's Relief Corps to unite their retiring President, A. Louise Putnam, was presented an onyx clock and a silver water set, in acknowledgment of a very successful adminis-Committee of the House of Representatives, tration. The privilege of visiting the Vermont Soldiers' Home, where the Encampment was Nurse law to regimental, camp, and post | brought to a close by an open-air Campfire, was appreciated by all. Zena B. R. Pierce was appointed Press Correspondent

George H. Thomas Co: held a memorial meeting, and passed resolutions on the death of National Senior Vice-



been enjoyed, and those to come during the remainder of the week, will make the Buffalo PROPOSED CHANGE IN MEMORIAL DAY.

The Department of Utah has prepared for presentation to the National Encampment a resolution amending Art. XIV, Chap. V, of the Rules and Regulations by inserting after the word "on," in the third line, the words 'the Sunday next preceding," and striking out all of the second paragraph. This article will then read as follows: "The National Encampment hereby establishes a Memorial Day to be observed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic on the Sunday next preceding the 30th day of May, annually, in commemoration of the deeds of our fallen com-

sports. Such acts, the comrades believe, de- tain, Camp 100, Phoenixville; W. Ervin, Camp Ass't Sec., Wm. Perrin, Maumee, O. stroy the sacredness of the day, and instruc- 184, Curwenville; J. R. Stryker, Past Captain, tion of the youth of the country in lessons of patriotism and loyalty to the flag and rever- Captain, Camp 7, Philadelphia, Delegates. ence for those who offered their lives in defense of its honor are set at naught. They believe that unless action is taken the aim and be rendered void.

The change involved, the Utah comrades believe, would make this sacred day all the more sacred, and dedicate it to the honor of the dead, free from the intrusion of those who would pervert its true intent and purpose. At the last Encampment of the Utah Department the resolution was adopted unanimously.

ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

President and Mrs. McKinley are to be guests for Encampment week of Mrs. Benjamin Williams, Vice-President of the Woman's Citizens' Committee, as, also, are Gen. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, and Mrs. Alger. Mrs. Williams has one of the most beautiful homes in

Miss Kate G. Raynor, National President of the Ladies' Aid Society, auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, is to be at the Encampment. She is a prominent worker in the Woman's Relief Corps, having been appointed to serve as a Guard of ing its membership, the latest to unite being a | 15th National Convention by President Hitt, | that city. This has given the Omaha brethren of that Order. She is a daughter of Col. Raynor, | much encouragement, and at the last meeting of Toledo, O., where she resides.

the people of Buffalo surpasses anything they have ever known. Some splendid speakers are scheduled to take

part in the public meetings. Among them are: President McKinley, Gov. Frank S. Black, of New York : Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War; Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky; Gov. H. S. Pingree, of Michigan; Gen. Daniel Butterfield, of Cold Spring, N.Y.; Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A. (retired), Burlington, Vt.; Gen. B. H. Grierson, Jacksonville, Ill.; Representatives Warren B. Hooker Philip B. Low, Wallace T. Foote, jr., James R. Howe, and William Sulzer, of New York; and ex-Govs. George W. Peck, W. H. Upham, and W. D. Hoard, of Wisconsin, Resolutions have been passed by E. S. Young,

Post 33, and A. H. Terry, Post 300, Amsterdam, N. Y., thanking Hon. Stephen Sanford for a contribution of \$500 to assist in paying the expenses of the comrades of Amsterdam attending the Buffalo Encampment. Scott's 900" (11th N. Y. Cav.), at Orient Hall, Ferry street, near Grant street, will meet

at noon, Aug. 26. Thomas W. Smith, Secre-

tary, 300 Third Ave., New York City. Commander Shaw, of New York, appointed the following Assistant Adjutants-General on the New York staff, to take charge of the various County battalions in the parade: Irwing D. Southwork, Genessee County battalion, vice G. W. Stanley, promoted; W. H. Camp, Tioga County battalion; John Laidlaw, Chemung County battalion; W. S. Newman, Steuben County battalion ; George W. Brinkerhoff, Cayuga County battalion; George W. Hoburt, Yates County battalion: John W. Townsend, Schuyler County battalion; Sager, Cortland County battalion; Aaron Scoley, Wayne County battalion; P. C. Gilbert, Saratoga County battalion; G. S. Conger,

"Children Teething."

St. Lawrence County battalion.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhosa. Twentytive cents a bottle.

coliday time. The events which have already | The first prize. "Gov. Dyer Medal," was awarded Capt. H. C. Card, jr.; second prize, "Col. Charles W. Abbot Medal," to Earl C. National Encampment one high in the list of Pierce; and third prize, "Clinton Medal," to Serg't George F. Grant. Camp 4, Shannock, defeated Camp 10, Woonsocket, 12 to 0 in the baseball game. Many other athletic events furnished amusement for the visiting brethren.

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPS.

Dr. James H. Closson, of Anna M. Ross Camp, , Philadelphia, has been announced as Surgeon | tary of the Association, of the Pennsylvania Division by Col. Wildun Indianapolis by J. Spaulding, of Camp 75, To- retary. wanda, Delegate-at-Large; O. L. Pancoast, Captain, Camp 21, Philadelphia; T. C. Harter, Past Captain, Camp 270, Bloomsburg; J. M.

Camp 44, Williamsport; and W. R. Roos, Past The Delegates have been instructed to work for the adoption of a one degree ritual, or if

shortened.

commanding. Lieut, Frederick Metzgar Camp, 302, Latrobe, has been mustered by Capt. Fred. Rebele, of A. Gordon, commanding.

NEBRASKA DOINGS.

Senator John M. Thurston has secured permission from the Government for the Sons of Veterans to use the grounds surrounding old Fort Omaha for camping purposes, in case the National Encampment of 1898 is secured to of George Crook Camp, J. G. Kuhn, A. H. Mrs. Georgia Woodley, President of the Na- Rawitzer, and R. E. Herdman were appointed tional Army Nurses' Association, Philadelphia, a committee to solicit subscriptions for the endeal of money will not be needed for this purpose, but it is desired to have a fund of \$2,000 to meet all emergencies. This committee will visit the merchants of the city, the Exposition management, and the commercial bodies of the city, and ask them for donations.

The Nebraska Division made a creditable gain during the last quarter. New Camps were mustered at Butte, Lebanon and Farnam, with a total charter membership of 56, while Camps 1, 2, 3, 10, 21, 28, 47, 72, 134 and 168 report the muster of many recruits. DIVISION SNAP SHOTS.

Kentucky Division, reports the Order in that State in good condition and prospects bright. mitted for the quarter ended June 30, 1897, shows no loss. At the date of the previous report 13 Camps with a membership of 279 were in good standing. A gain of two Camps and

and 58 members was caused by suspension, and

Commander T. Z. Morrow, jr., commanding

Camps and 279 members. Missouri Division. Col. Schoening is very the Armies of the James and Potomac. auxious to double the membership during the part of every member of the Order.

Serg't E. S. Emerson, of Merrick, Mass., writes that L. A. Tifft Camp, 15, is mustering recruits and trying to do its part in making the Order 1,000,000 strong. By hard, earnest work, the Camp has been made one of the best in the Division.

15 by reinstatement. One member died, three | an active part in National Conventions.

They Are Being Well Represented at

Burke, had served in the Revolutionary War, while his grandfather, Dr. Francis Burke, of Washington, D. C., had served in the war of 1812. Entered the U. S. Navy as Assistant Engineer with rank of Ensign, March 1, 1862. All that is required to bring the Order to the and was ordered to the U. S. gunboat Port front is a little hard work. The report sub- Royal, then fitting out in New York. This vessel was commanded by Lieutenant-Commander George U. Morris, who made such & gallant defense of the U. S. sloop-of-war Cumberland, when she was attacked and sunk by 52 members was made by muster, and seven the Confederate steamer Merrimae in Hampton members were reinstated. A loss of one Camp | Roads, Va.

one brother died, leaving the Division 14 Roads in the early part of April, 1862, and took a prominent part in the naval operations in the Dr. S. Loebenstein, of Camp 20, Warrens- James, Appomattox and Chickahominy Rivers. burg, has been commissioned Surgeon of the aiding and defending various movements of Shipmate Allen is quite prominent in the

present year, and urges renewed efforts on the veteran movement, both Naval and Grand Tyler Post, 50, Department of Connecticut, He has been repeatedly honored by his Post and the Connecticut Department. The members of the several Naval Veteran

The report of Adjutant Waldo H. Perry, of | Shipmate Daniel F. Kelley, at present Com-Maine, shows a substantial gain during the mander of Philadelphia Association, 31. Shipquarter ended June 30, 1897. The date of mate Kelley has for a number of years been an the previous report the Division had 48 Camps | active and earnest worker in the Order. He with a membership in good standing of 1,327. has an extended acquaintance with officials at A gain of four Camps and 181 members was Washington and with members of Congress.